

131. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 130, wherein the solubilizer is present in the composition in an amount of about 50% or less by weight, based on the total weight of the surfactants.

132. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 131, wherein the solubilizer is present in the composition in an amount about 25% or less by weight, based on the total weight of the surfactants.

133. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 71, which further comprises an antioxidant, a preservative, a chelating agent, a viscomodulator, a tonicifier, a flavorant, a colorant, an odorant, an opacifier or a mixture thereof.

134. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 71, which further comprises an additional amount of a hydrophobic therapeutic agent, said additional amount not solubilized in the carrier.

135. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(a) a carrier,

said carrier comprising:

(i) at least one hydrophilic surfactant; and

(ii) at least one hydrophobic surfactant,

said hydrophilic and hydrophobic surfactants being present in amounts such that upon mixing with an aqueous solution the carrier forms a clear aqueous dispersion of the hydrophilic and hydrophobic surfactants;

(b) a first amount of a hydrophobic therapeutic agent, said first amount being solubilized in the carrier; and

(c) a second amount of a hydrophobic therapeutic agent, said second amount not solubilized in the clear aqueous dispersion,

said composition being substantially free of triglycerides.

136. A method of treating an animal with a hydrophobic therapeutic agent, the method comprising:

providing a dosage form of a pharmaceutical composition comprising:

a hydrophobic therapeutic agent; and

a carrier,

said carrier comprising:

at least one hydrophilic surfactant; and

at least one hydrophobic surfactant,

said hydrophilic and hydrophobic surfactants being present in amounts such that upon mixing with an aqueous solution the carrier forms a clear aqueous dispersion of the hydrophilic and hydrophobic surfactants containing the hydrophobic therapeutic agent,

said composition being substantially free of triglycerides; and

administering said dosage form to said animal.

137. The method of claim 136, wherein the dosage form is a capsule, a cream, a lotion, an ointment, a suppository, a paste or a gel.

138. The method of claim 136, wherein the dosage form is administered by an oral, parenteral, topical, transdermal, ocular, pulmonary, vaginal, rectal or transmucosal route.

139. The method of claim 136, wherein the animal is a mammal.

140. The method of claim 139, wherein the mammal is a human.

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